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Title: Requests the Central Government to take action to save the jute industry, jute workers and the raw jute growers.

SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY (BASIRHAT): I want to draw the attention of the House to a serious matter involving public interest.

The jute industry is one of the key and old industries of our country. A maximum number of jute mills are now closed throughout the country. Thousands and thousands of workers have been thrown out of their jobs. It is a matter of regret that the Government of India and the mill owners are very much reluctant about this and they are not taking any serious steps or measures to see that the jute workers get back their jobs.

It relates to the agricultural field also.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except the speech of Shri Ajay Chakraborty.

(Interruptions)*

SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : The raw jute growers are not getting their remunerative prices. The JCI is very much reluctant to discharge its duty. The JCI is also not coming on time to purchase the produce of the raw jutes from the raw jute growers. The entire jute industry and the raw jute growers have fallen into a deep crisis. The condition of the jute industry at present is very bad. So, I urge the Government of India to take positive and suitable measures to save the jute industry, jute workers and the raw jute growers from their plights.

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